

December 18, 2006 Update

Update for the Arizona Birth Defects Monitoring Program Rulemaking (9 A.A.C. 4, Article 5)

The Department is amending the rules in 9 A.A.C. 4, Article 5, to clarify reporting requirements for the Arizona Birth Defects Monitoring Program (ABDMP), specify information the Department may collect and how, improve organization, and address HIPAA issues that have arisen.

The Department has established a Rules Committee that has provided input to the Department on the rulemaking for the ABDMP from the perspectives of different groups that may be affected by the rulemaking. The members of the Rules Committee are listed on the Web Page for the ABDMP.

The Rules Committee met on December 7, 2006. Based on comments received during the meeting and from other stakeholders, a revised draft of the rules has been developed and posted on the Web Page for the ABDMP rulemaking. The members of the Rules Committee decided that they did not need to meet again, but could provide any additional comments they felt necessary by e-mail.

Stakeholders are asked to review the revised draft and submit any comments about the rulemaking to Ruthann Smejkal, Rules Analyst for the Department, by e-mail at smejkar@azdhs.gov, by phone at 602-364-3959, or by fax at 602-364-1150.

If no substantive comments are received by January 8, 2007, the Department intends to file a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking with the Office of the Secretary of State.